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SUBJ: ILLUSTRATIVE FY-75 MAP TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ECUADOR

REF: A. QUITO A-29, FY 1975-76 CASP FOR ECUADOR; B. QUITO 3509

1. TRAINING CONFERENCES WERE HELD WITH THE DIRECTORS OF TRAINING OF EACH OF THE ECUADOREAN ARMED FORCES ON 27 AND 28 MAY 1974, FOLLOWING MORE GENERAL MAY 23 JOINT TRAINING CONFERENCE REPORTED REF B. AS A RESULT OF THE SUSPENSION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE SINCE 1971, THE STATUS OF MOST ECUADOREAN TRAINING PROGRAMS HAS DETERIORATED TO A VERY LOW DEGREE. THE IMPACT FROM THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING RECEIVED HAS BEEN INSIGNIFICANT AND HAS ONLY SERVED TO DISENCHANT ECUADOREAN MILITARY WITH NON-U.S. MATERIEL AND TRAINING AND HEIGHTEN THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE QUALITY OF U.S. PRODUCTS AND ASSOCIATED MILITARY INSTRUCTION. ACCORDINGLY, DURING TRAINING CONFERENCES THERE WAS A VERY RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE TO PROSPECT OF U.S. TRAINING, COUPLED WITH ENTHUSIASTIC INTEREST AND EAGERNESS AT THE PROSPECT OF ECUADOR RECEIVING GRANT AID TRAINING ONCE AGAIN.

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2. THE ECUADOREAN ARMED FORCES NEED IMMEDIATE (FY-75)

FINANCIAL HELP TO UPGRADE THEIR TRAINING PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY AT THE TECHNICAL SKILL LEVEL FOR THEIR LOWER RANKING OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL. IT IS THIS YOUNGER ELEMENT OF THEIR MILITARY WHICH HAS MOST STRONGLY FELT THE BRUNT OF ASSISTANCE SUSPENSION. IN ADDITION TO THE SIZEABLE FMS PURCHASES (F-5, A-37, T-33 AIRCRAFT, ARMY EQUIPMENT, NAVY SHIPS, ETC.), AND ASSOCIATED TRAINING PACKAGES WHICH THE GOE APPEARS DETERMINED TO MAKE, ECUADOREAN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS EXIST AT ALL LEVELS AND IN LARGE AMOUNTS FAR EXCEEDING THE \$400,000 FY-75 MAP-T PROGRAM CONTEMPLATED. THE FACT THAT ECUADOR IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT AID TRAINING IN CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS COMPLICATES THE SITUATION, MAKING IT NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH ALL TRAINING IN CONUS WITH THE CONSEQUENT NEED FOR EXTENSIVE AND INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, IN-COUNTRY AND AT DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (DLI).

3. BASED ON THE REQUESTS OF EACH ECUADOREAN SERVICE, FY-75 MAP-T PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY DEVELOPED IN THE FOLLOWING DOLLAR TOTALS:

ARMY	\$ 336,000
NAVY	184,000
AIR FORCE	1,299,000
TOTAL	\$1,819,000

4. AN EXAMPLE OF THE DRASTIC IMPACT THAT \$400,000 LEVEL VERSUS \$900,000 LEVEL WOULD HAVE FOR ECUADOR CAN BE SHOWN IN THE AIR FORCE PROGRAM. THEIR FIRST PRIORITY LINE ITEM CONSISTS OF UNDERGRADUATE PILOT TRAINING (D112008) AND ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING (D116008) FOR 12 SECOND LIEUTENANTS. TOTAL COST OF THIS TOP REQUIREMENT IS APPROXIMATELY \$698,000. THEIR SECOND PRIORITY IS ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IN-COUNTRY ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN THAT AREA, REQUIRING DLE TRAINING OF FOUR INSTRUCTORS AND THE ACQUISITION OF TEN 30-POSITION LANGUAGE LABORATORIES. THE EXPRESSED POLICY IS TO PLACE PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING OF THEIR YOUNGEST OFFICERS.

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5. THE ECUADOREAN NAVY (EN) HAS REQUESTED AS FIRST PRIORITY SPACES FOR MANAGEMENT RESOURCE COURSES AT THE USN PG SCHOOL, MONTEREY: ADVANCED SCIENCE, ENGINEERING ELECTRONICS, ORDNANCE SYSTEMS, COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING, ETC.

6. THE ARMY HAS ALSO PLACED AS FIRST PRIORITY BASIC AND ADVANCED OPERATIONAL TRAINING COURSES FOR OFFICERS.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR TRAINING AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED IN ALL CASES.

7. ALL SERVICES ALSO NEED TRAINING AIDS, SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS, ETC., ESTIMATED AT \$60,000.

8. ALL OF THE ARMED FORCES' HIGH PRIORITY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ARE HIGH COST LINE ITEMS, WHICH AT THE \$400,000 LEVEL WILL USE UP MOST OF THE ALLOCATION, LEAVING MANY LOWER PRIORITY BUT MUCH NEEDED TECHNICAL TRAINING UNFUNDED. IN VIEW OF THE MANY FACTORS INVOLVED IN THE CASE OF ECUADOR, NAMELY: A. THE VARIOUS FMS CASES PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY GOE, B. NO TRAINING IN CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS, C. THE POOR STATUS OF PRESENT TRAINING LEVELS, D. THE ABSENCE OF GRANT AID FOR THREE YEARS, THEIR GREAT NEED FOR IN-COUNTRY LANGUAGE TRAINING AND E. THE RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN USG-GOE RELATIONS, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE FY-75 MAP-5 ALLOCATION BE ESTABLISHED AT THE \$900,000 LEVEL.

9. A MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF FOREGOING ESTIMATES CAN BE PROVIDED IF DESIRED BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: WE UNDERSTAND THAT FY-75 MAP TRAINING FOR ECUADOR WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRE-IG FRAMEWORK IN NEAR FUTURE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF THE OUTCOME OF SUCH DELIBERATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WHAT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL, IF ANY, IS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDED \$900,000 MAP-5 FIGURE.

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